

Elmira Hedden, 83, of Walnut Creek Road, Franklin, passed away Monday, June 2, 2008, in a local hospital.

She was a native of Macon County, the daughter of the late William Jack Berry and Anna Gertrude Coggins Berry.

She was a homemaker and was a charter member of Walnut Creek Baptist Church, where she was a Sunday school teacher and the church custodian for years. She was a quilt maker and a loving caregiver to her church, community and family.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Ernest Hedden; one daughter, Sharon Hunt and husband Bob of Franklin; three sons, Billy Hedden and wife Linda of Franklin, Steve Hedden and wife Viola of Athens, Ala., and Sammy Hedden of Franklin; six sisters, Lora Hedden of Waynesville, Edlay Pruitt of Franklin, Marie Hedden of Candler, Martha Dowdle of Clayton, Ga., Mattie Devlin of Candler, and Virginia Dills of Franklin; one brother, William A. Berry of Franklin; seven grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, William E. Berry, William J. Berry, and William Jack Berry Jr.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 5, at 11 a.m., in the Chapel of Byrant-Grant Funeral Home, with Revs. Vic Greene and Rev. Wesley Hooper officiating.

Burial was in Strain Cemetery. Pallbearers were Austin Hedden, Jonathan Hedden, Andrew Hedden, Dave McLennan, Jason Brooks, and James Hedden.

The family received friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Thursday, one hour prior to the service at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Walnut Creek Baptist Cemetery Fund, c/o Erwin Price, 71 Cedar Wood Dr., Franklin, NC 28734 or to Angel Hospice, 170 Church St., Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences are available by visiting [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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